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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7(canceled).

8(previously presented). A method for alleviating symptoms of indigestion in a human, which comprises administering an indigestion alleviating effective amount of a medicament to said human wherein said medicament consists essentially of at least one type of xanthophyll as an active ingredient.

9(previously presented). The method according to claim 8, wherein the xanthophyll is astaxanthin.

10(previously presented). The method according to claim 9, wherein the astaxanthin is in a form esterified with fatty acids.

11(previously presented). The method according to claim 10, wherein the astaxanthin in esterified form is provided in the form of algal meal prepared from a culture of the alga *Haematococcus sp.*

12(previously presented). The method according claim 8, wherein the medicament consists essentially of said at least one type of xanthophyll and at least one carbohydrate.

13(previously presented). The method according to claim 8, wherein the medicament consists essentially of said at least one type of xanthophyll and a different antioxidant.

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14(previously presented). The method according to claim 8, wherein said xanthophyll is administered in the range of 0.05 to 1 mg per kg body weight of the human.

15(previously presented). The method according to claim 8, wherein the medicament consists essentially of said at least one type of xanthophyll and different antioxidants.

16(previously presented). The method according to claim 14, wherein more than one type of xanthophyll is administered to said human.

Claims 17-25(canceled).